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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 149
21 April 1953

1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton	State
Mr. Clinton	State
Lt. Col. Pack	Army
*Major Jacobson	Army
**Capt. Norgaard	Navy
Lt. Jones	Navy
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	CIA (Vice-Chairman)

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*Major James W. Jacobson, Army NIS Committee Member,
effective 27 April 1953, vice Lt. Col. Pack

**Capt. R. N. Norgaard, Navy NIS Committee Member,
effective 21 April 1953, vice Capt. B. Van Mater.

2. Correction of report of NIS Committee Meeting No. 147 (Section 21)

The Vice-Chairman referred to the report of NIS Committee Meeting No. 147, dated 18 March 1953, and requested that the members correct paragraph 5 of that report to read that sixteen Sections bearing the title "Oceanography" were published, rather than three Sections as was stated in the report.

With further reference to this report, the Vice-Chairman stated that an attempt to explain, in the Quarterly Report, the three different situations which result from the change in title and content of Section 21 and the elimination of Section 26 would be confusing to the users. It is felt that an appropriate note carried on each Section involved as it is published will be sufficient explanation for the users.

The Navy member stated that it would be very helpful if, in addition to the note to be carried on each Section involved, a list of the NIS areas affected could be attached to the next Quarterly Report, and the Vice-Chairman agreed to this proposal.

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3. Requirements

The Vice-Chairman stated that as a result of recent discussions, it has been determined that no attempt will be made at this time to publish [redacted] and that these studies will be used for reference purposes only. (Refer to NIS Committee Meeting No. 148, 31 March 1953). [redacted] has been furnishing these studies in mimeograph form and will continue to do so. At the present time Army, Navy, Air Force, and CIA are receiving draft

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copies of the studies, but State, which has a direct interest in much of the material is not on the distribution list. In response to the Vice-Chairman's inquiry, the members stated their revised requirements for these studies as follows:

State	- 2 copies of all elements
Army	- 3 copies of all elements
Navy	- 2 copies of all elements
Air Force	- 3 copies of all elements

The Vice-Chairman pointed out that distribution is currently being made directly to CIA and the Defense agencies. In order to maintain better control, and to insure that the agencies receive copies in accordance with their requirements, he proposed that all studies be delivered to CIA which will, in turn, make the dissemination directly to the NIS Committee members. The Committee concurred in this proposal, and the Vice-Chairman undertook to make the necessary arrangements with

4. Warning notice of Restriction on NIS Material

The Vice-Chairman referred to the Committee's agreement that a warning notice should be carried on the cover of NIS elements which are not controlled in their entirety, to the effect that the elements contain a sub-section "Comments on Principal Sources" which is restricted to U. S. Officials Only. (Refer to NIS Committee Meeting No. 148, 31 March 1953). He suggested that rather than have this statement appear on the cover, it would be preferable to place it on a separate sheet to be inserted directly behind the cover, so that it can be easily removed together with the restricted material from elements that are furnished to foreign governments. The members concurred in this proposal.

5. Proposed change in Outline Guide for Special NIS

The Vice-Chairman informed the members of a Navy proposal for a revision of the Outline Guide for the Special NIS to include additional information which, if incorporated in the NIS, will eliminate the need for two publications presently produced by the USN Hydrographic Office. The Committee approved the Navy proposal, and all future Special NIS will be prepared accordingly. The change will be incorporated in the next revision of the NIS Standard Instructions.

6. Proposed change in Outline Guide for Supplement I

In connection with the Navy proposal for revision of the Outline Guide for sub-sections C and D, of Section I, Supplement I, (Ports and Naval Facilities) the Vice-Chairman stated that a question had been raised by the D/B Editorial Staff as to the desirability of showing a range of depth for fixed berths. (Refer to NIS Committee Meeting No. 148, 31 March 1953). It was pointed out that if a range of depth is given for each class of berth, it would be confusing to the user unless some form of footnote is used in explanation. Further, if a range of depth is given, the heading should not be stated as "least" depth. In order to avoid use of a footnote it was recommended that consideration be given to the use of only a

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minimum depth.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed to the proposed revisions, including range of depth as outlined in Navy's memorandum dated 27 March 1953, with consideration to be given to the use of an explanatory footnote.

7. Production of Supplement IV (Urban Areas)

The Vice-Chairman stated that a heavy requirement had been placed on the Geographic Division, CIA, for studies on Urban Areas of the USSR, and that the Chief of that Division had inquired as to the plans of the NIS Committee with respect to the production of NIS Supplement IV (Urban Areas) on NIS 26 (USSR). Production of this NIS element would in large part fulfill the requirement placed on the Geographic Division.

It was pointed out that no Supplements IV have been produced, and none scheduled for production, since Army, which has production responsibility for this element has claimed lack of capabilities for producing them. However, in December 1952, the Army member of the Committee advised that the Corps of Engineers planned to produce certain Town Plan studies for operational use within the Corps. (Refer to NIS Committee Meeting No. 143, 23 December 1952). The NIS Committee's view at that time was that such studies should be undertaken under the NIS Program if the Corps of Engineers was now in a position to produce that type of study. The Army member undertook to look into the matter with a view to determining if any Supplements IV could be scheduled in FY 1954, and the Vice-Chairman inquired as to the conclusions reached.

The Army member stated that he had not as yet received a reply from Corps of Engineers regarding their capabilities for producing Supplements IV, although it had been indicated informally that necessary capabilities could not be developed before 1955. He stated that he would request a definite answer without further delay, and the Committee agreed to defer further consideration of the matter until such time as a reply is received from the Corps of Engineers.

8. % Completion on Highest Priority Areas

The Vice-Chairman presented a tabulation showing the percentage of completion of NIS elements in the highest JCS priority group (excluding Chapter I and Supplement IV) which revealed that as of 31 March 1953, 677 Sections, or 56% of the NIS on these areas had been completed. It is estimated that by 30 June 1954, 888 Sections, or 75% of the NIS in this highest priority group, will have been completed.

He pointed out that in one area (NIS 104, Part XII Caspian Sea) no production has been scheduled for FY 1953 nor FY 1954, and he requested that Navy, which has production responsibility, examine the possibility of including this area in the FY 1954 Production Schedule. He suggested, further, that all the members re-examine the tentative FY 1954 Production Schedule with a view to including more elements in the highest priority areas so as to complete production of the NIS in as many of these areas as possible.

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9. FY 1955 Production Schedule

In connection with the decision to draw up a tentative Production Schedule for FY 1955, the Committee agreed to a deadline date of 5 June 1953 for submission to D/B of their proposals for this tentative schedule.

10. April Production

The Vice-Chairman announced that production for the month of April is 103 Sections overdue from previous months, and 43 Sections scheduled for the month. To date, 10 Sections have been received in D/B. He again reminded the members that an average production rate of 53 Sections per month for the balance of FY 1953 is necessary in order to meet the 8 NIS per year goal set by the JCS. He pointed out that during March 48 Sections were produced, so that it will be necessary to raise the number for April to 58 Sections in order to make up the deficit.

11. Provisional copies of Graphics

The Vice-Chairman pointed out that in the early days of the NIS Program an arrangement was made whereby contributors were permitted to use provisional copies of maps in cases where base maps were not yet available. However, base maps are now available on all NIS areas, elements for which are scheduled for production during FY 1953, and it is anticipated that all base maps for areas scheduled during FY 1954 will be available prior to the start of that fiscal year. Therefore, there is no further need for the use of provisional maps in NIS contributions.

The Vice-Chairman stated that despite this fact D/B is still receiving contributions in which provisional maps are used, and that this results in delays in processing and publication. He proposed, therefore, that the Committee make it a general rule that no provisional maps will be submitted on an area where base maps are available. The members agreed to this proposal.

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The Vice-Chairman stated that D/B is presently drawing up a list of all the NIS areas which require special treatment, and he suggested that this proposal be taken under consideration in conjunction with that list. The members agreed to this proposal, and the matter will come up for discussion at a later date.

13. Chapter VI Outline Guide

The Army member presented a proposal for a revision of the Outline Guide for Chapter VI, and specifically for Section 64. These changes have been coordinated with State and have the concurrence of that agency. In response to the Vice-Chairman's inquiry as to whether the proposed changes are such that they can be carried out under the present Outline Guide, the State member replied in the negative, and pointed out that the suggested revisions call for the introduction of a new Section, as well as for the breakdown of some of the other Sections into separate Sections.

The Vice-Chairman stated that the proposal will be taken into consideration in connection with the proposed revision of the entire Chapter VI, which is now under review in the Department of State, and that following the submission of all comments on that proposal a sub-committee composed of representatives of the interested agencies would be appointed to consider the entire matter.

14. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at the call of the Vice-Chairman.

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